

MINUTES OF THE SENIOR STAFF MEETING
MONDAY 3 AUGUST 1964

Mr. Kirkpatrick opened the meeting with a discussion of Agency participation in the upcoming Exercise High Heels III and asked Mr. J. J. Hitchcock to outline the current status of this war game.

Hitchcock gave a general briefing on High Heels covering the following points:

- a. The actual exercise play will take place between 21 and 28 September.
- b. The scenario has been prepared by planning officers in the NMCC under the direction of the JCS and is to be considered primarily a military exercise and not government-wide.
- c. The scenario calls for war games all the way up to and including a general nuclear exchange with the assumption that the Washington metropolitan area will be destroyed.

e. President Johnson may visit [redacted] during this exercise, and it is expected that the DCI will also be asked to pay a visit to [redacted]

f. The various directorates have been formally advised of the extent of their participation in this exercise (by providing staff officers to man the Collection Guidance Staff Operations Center). Mr. Hitchcock urged early identification of these individuals in order that arrangements may be made to facilitate access behind the barrier.

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g. In response to a question of Gen. Carter's, Hitchcock reaffirmed that this was not a government-wide war game and that as far as he knew other government agencies would not participate in the relocation plans.

Gen. Carter commented at some length on the extreme importance of how the Agency approaches these planning exercises. The DCI made reference to the divergent positions of Department of Defense and CIA war plans in respect to command relationships during general war, pointing out that all of the DOD plans that he has reviewed call for a complete "take over" and subordination of the Agency to the Department of Defense, while Agency plans intend this command take over in active Theaters of War only. Gen. Carter stressed the importance to the national interest that the Agency maintain its separate identity during time of war and that our participation in these war games reflect our intentions to maintain the integrity of the Agency as the principal intelligence agency of the government during time of war.

Mr. Cline reported briefly on White House activities. He indicated that Chet Cooper is still on full time detail with the National Security Council; that South Vietnam and Cyprus remain red-hot items with the White House; and that the DCI is now in the process of preparing two-page statements on various possible crises. (Examples: U-2 shoot-down over Cuba; the Soviet breach of the Atomic Test Ban Agreement; a new Berlin crisis; unfavorable results in the Chilean election, etc.

John Warner reported on the status of the pay bill predicting passage this week to be effective retroactive to 5 July. Mr. Warner indicated that further Congressional action on our early retirement legislation awaits a meeting between the DCI and Senator Russell which has been scheduled for noon Tuesday, 4 August. In commenting on this, Mr. Kirkpatrick said that the DDP should be assured that we are doing everything possible to get this legislation through this session of Congress.

Mr. Kirkpatrick closed the meeting by commenting on the scheduled meeting with the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board this Friday (7 August) and briefly discussed the agenda for these meetings. Mr. Kirkpatrick pointed out that PFIAB has been meeting regularly about every two months and devoting about one-third of its time to the Agency.

AGENDA FOR SENIOR STAFF MEETING
1100 MONDAY 3 AUGUST 1964
USIB CONFERENCE ROOM

1. Current White House Intelligence Interests Dr. Cline
2. Pay Bill
Early Retirement Mr. Warner
3. Exercise High Heels III Mr. J. J. Hitchcock
4. Meeting of President's Board Mr. Kirkpatrick
5. DDCI Items DDCI

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